

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-15 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1 and 6 have been amended.

The Abstract has been amended to include less than 150 words.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Matsumoto et al.* (US 2005/0017746). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 5, 7 and 10 would be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the contents of Claims 2 and 7 have been incorporated in Claims 1 and 6, respectively, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 11-15 are allowed. Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-15 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1 and 6 along with their dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon, has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of this application, please charge it against IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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